



FDLP Desktop FAQs

What kind of content is included in the FDLP Desktop?

The FDLP Desktop was created to disseminate FDLP-related content, services, and news to the Federal depository library community. It includes:

- * Dynamic news featuring the latest innovations, developments, and releases for the FDLP;
- * Informational content about the FDLP, LSCM projects, and depository libraries;
- * Processing tools that allow Federal depository libraries to manage their participation in the FDLP, the development of their collections, and services to the public.

What is the difference between the various versions of the FDLP Desktop?



On January 12, 2009, the beta version of the FDLP Desktop was replaced by the new design. At the same time, the homepage for the [legacy FDLP Desktop](#) began redirecting users to [fdlp.gov](#). Content from the legacy FDLP Desktop continues to be migrated to the re-launched site.

Important differences between the beta and the re-launched version include:

- * URLs to content may have changed. Please update your bookmarks.
- * The navigation scheme has changed.
- * Individual accounts are no longer active on the FDLP Desktop.
- * Social networking tools (e.g., blogs, forum) are consolidated under the [FDLP Community site](#). Users are encouraged to sign up and participate.

What is new with the re-launched FDLP Desktop?

The re-launched FDLP Desktop streamlines GPO's dissemination of Program-related news, content, and tools.

Highlights include:

- * Homepage news organized by categories
 - * Change the display of this page to meet your needs.
 - * Organize news categories according to your personal interests



Set the number of news stories displayed under each category

- * Changes maintained according to your browser's cookie

Easy login using your depository number and internal password

Access to depository-only services (e.g., promotional ordering)

Ability to bookmark Desktop pages within your library's login

Where are news items located?

In order to make it easy to keep up with what is new and important in the FDLP, all news items are available from the Desktop homepage. Stories are divided by topic (e.g. general, cataloging, distribution, events, etc.), and the top stories in each category are highlighted. Desktop users can now customize the layout of this page to better serve their depository's needs.

Users looking for specific news item or those wanting to browse stories on a topic can also take advantage of the search feature in the news directory.

Who can access the FDLP Desktop?

While the FDLP Desktop serves as an information resource for Federal depository libraries, the vast majority of the materials disseminated on the FDLP Desktop are accessible to the public. There are a few resources, however, that are only provided to Federal depository libraries. These services either gather feedback that is specific to Federal depository libraries (e.g., the Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries) or are restricted due to funding requirements (e.g., ordering promotional materials).

To access these services, Federal depository library staff can log in with their library number and GPO-issued internal password. Each Federal depository library is granted one login.

Who is eligible to get Desktop login accounts?

Each Federal depository library is given a single Desktop login account. Depository library staff can log in with their library number and GPO-issued internal password. If you do not know your institution's login information, please contact your library's coordinator. If you are the library coordinator, inquiries should be directed to askGPO.

Accounts are no longer based on individuals on the FDLP Desktop. Individual accounts created on the beta version of the FDLP Desktop are no longer active. However, individual accounts are utilized in askGPO and the FDLP Community site.

What is the difference between the FDLP Desktop and FDLP Community?

The FDLP Desktop:

- * Is an information hub for the FDLP;
- * Contains FDLP-related content and management tool;
- * Contains content created and maintained by GPO staff;
- * With 1 account granted per depository library.



The FDLP Community site:

- * Facilitates the exchange of ideas among members of the Federal depository library community;
- * Contains social networking tools such as blogs and discussion forums;
- * Is open to all members of the Federal depository library community.